LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

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ALL EUROPE'S EYES ON THE NAVAL MOVE

Comment on Significance of the Cruise

A KNOW OF AMERICA'S POWER

Unanimous and Wondrous Testimony to the Effect That the Fleet Is Able to Whip Any Two of Such Navies as the European Naval Powers Could Muster.

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BEEN SEVERE ON

Physicians Want Uniform Medical Laws in All Sections.

Chicago (Special).—Physicians attending the thirty-seventh annual session of the American Medical Association, now gathered in this city, are making a plea for uniformity in the medical laws of the various States. At the opening of a national convention of physicians here yesterday the president of the association, Dr. Nathan Smith Davis, of Chicago, said that the time is coming when the medical laws of the various States will be uniform, and that the enforcement of such laws will be more rigid than at present throughout the country.

ARE CAUGHT BY THE READY CASH

Farmer Gets Democratic National Convention.

PUBLICITY OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS.

Some of the Delegates Objected to by Mr. Bryan Will Be Seated—Report of the Committee Probably Will Be Made This Week—Are Not Opposed to Such Publicity on the Part.

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SKULL CRUSHED IN BY BLOWS FROM HAMMER

Undertaker Found Dead in An Orange Hotel.

KILLED AFTER BEING ROBBED.

Murderer Took a Diamond Ring, a Gold Watch and Chain and $150 in Money. After Which He Took the Precaution to Wash His Hands and Clothing.

Orange, N. J. (Special).—Fred C. Keasbey, an undertaker, was found dead in his bed in the Park House here. His skull was crushed in by blows with a hammer, and he was robbed of his watch, diamond ring and money. Keasbey had been in New York on a visit, and it is believed he was followed to the hotel by his murderer. There was no one in the room with him when he was killed, and it is supposed he was struck while undressing. The weapon was found in the room, and the murderer washed his hands and clothing after committing the crime.

Keasbey was a native of Rahway, and was about 50 years old. He was unmarried. He was a member of the Masonic order, and was prominent in Orange. He was also a member of the Elks and Knights of Pythias. He was a director in the Orange Trust Company, and was interested in the Orange Water Company. He was also a director in the Orange Memorial Hospital.

KINDNESS REWARDED.

Miss Annie Burkhart Sole Heir To A $75,000 Estate.

Pensacola, Fla. (Special).—Miss Annie Burkhart, 20 years old, thought she was entertaining a pauper in Thomas Caldwell, as aged resident of Pensacola, who came here from Chicago two years ago with a stock of goods which was in a truck and who died out a miserable existence by peddling fish and fruit.

Miss Burkhart administered to the needs when he was ill and he often said she had saved his life. The girl Thursday received information that she had been made the sole heir to the estate of Caldwell, valued at $75,000. Nine more sons have been cut off with $1 each.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS NOT A CANDIDATE

He Says He Will Not Change His Decision.

THE FIELD IS OPEN TO OTHERS.

The President Sounds the Keynote Sentiment He Made on the Night After His Election, to the Effect That He Would Not Be a Candidate for or Accept Another Nomination.

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GEN. FUNSTON AT GOLDFIELD, NEV.; DA

Will Declare Martial Law If Any Outbreak.

CONFERS WITH GOVERNOR SPARKS.

The Governor Assures the General That the Presence of the Troops Has Prevented Serious Trouble, and He Considers It Necessary That They Be Kept in the Precaution to Wash His Hands and Clothing.

Goldfield, Nev. (Special).—Crowds gathered at the station to witness the arrival here of General Funston and Major George Thetbel and Lieut. Norman Evans, the officers who accompanied him from San Francisco.

Governor Sparks told General Funston that in his opinion the presence of troops here had prevented serious trouble than had at one time considered it imperatively necessary that the troops be kept here. He stated that there be no declaration of martial law at this time, but that should such action in the future may become necessary at any moment.

Governor Funston stated to the Governor that he was prepared to act in the labor situation had desired to and that he had no fear of trouble. The General says he is determined to take steps to put an end to the strife, under martial law upon the outbreak of serious trouble. He has given instructions and ordered the officers commanding the Nevada militia companies to report at Goldfield and preserving strict quarters of the troops here. The regulars are to be kept in reserve at the depot.

Officers of the Miners Union Association declare that they have obtained sums of money from banks in Goldfield and Reno, $100 in gold and $40 in Tonopah. Warehouses in Goldfield have been broken into and removed from the scene of Mrs. Funston's apartment.

MR. NICHOLAS KEYS IS DEAD

Winchester Special.—A telegram was received here announcing the death of Mr. Nicholas Keys, at his home in New York City on Mr. Nicholas Keys died. Mr. Keys was 41 years of age and a native of Bath. The remains will be brought to Winchester for interment. Mr. Keys was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He leaves a widow and two children, Mr. Nicholas Keys, Jr., and Miss Ruth Keys. He was a brother of Mrs. Frederick Kenamond, who has been a resident of Winchester for many years. Mr. Keys was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He leaves a widow and two children, Mr. Nicholas Keys, Jr., and Miss Ruth Keys. He was a brother of Mrs. Frederick Kenamond, who has been a resident of Winchester for many years.

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News of Virginia

W. C. ABBOTT A SUICIDE

Danville (Special). — William Abbott, one of the managers for the Continental Tobacco company, left his bed, where he had confined with sickness for two weeks, and after fully dressing walked to the stables and hanged himself. He lived in the suburbs, and for several years past had been in failing health, combined with financial troubles, caused him to take his own life.

He had been very despondent recently, and his wife, fearing that he would do something rash, had concealed his pistol. He told his wife that he was going out to get some fresh air. She became alarmed when he did not return, and his body was found by his brother, Jacob Abbott, swinging from the loft of the stables. He had been dead several hours.

Mr. Abbott was 58 years old and a highly respected citizen. He has lived here his entire life. He leaves a young widow and three small children, a brother and a sister. He was a son of the late T. W. Abbott, who for years was connected with the American Tobacco company.

TWO BOOKERS INDICTED.

Norfolk (Special).—A special grand jury presented three indictments for grand larceny in the case against P. A. and A. M. Apostolou, tobacco brokers of Norfolk. The first count includes the obtaining of $5,500 from the Norfolk National Bank on the 20th of May, the second $500 from the Citizens Bank in June, and the third for the obtaining of $6,000 from the Norfolk Banking and Trust Company. The indictments were returned by the Norfolk Tobacco Association.

The defendants are alleged to have obtained sums of money from banks on warehouse receipts for tobacco which they claimed to have been stored in the warehouse of the Norfolk Storage and Cartage Company, but which had been removed from the scene of Mrs. Funston's apartment.

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PETERSBURG STORE BURNS.

Petersburg Special.—Fire broke out in the large store of the Wilcox-Budd Furniture Company, located in Sycamore Street. It destroyed the entire stock of goods contained in the cellar and on the first floor. The store filled with smoke and flames, and it was with great difficulty that the employees were able to make their escape through the back doors. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building, which was a two-story structure, was owned by Miss Hazel Taylor, of Petersburg. The loss on the building is $2,000, with $1,000 insurance. The loss on the contents of the store will be about $10,000, with $5,000 insurance.

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BANK CASHIER A SUICIDE.

No Known Reason For The Act of E. F. Kinnon.

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THE CHRISTMAS OF A CHERUB

A CHRISTMAS STORY BY ELIZABETH BONNEY BARRY.

It was the kind of a child that one called "just the sweetest thing" and no one doubted that she would grow up to be a beautiful woman.

Silky, golden ringlets covered her head, and large eyes which sometimes grey and wistful, but usually just the tint of the violets, set up a round, chubby little face. The scarlet lips were usually parted in a friendly smile, disclosing a row of snow-white, baby teeth, and she was confessed to the slightest tilt. Her Elizabeth, she had been christened, but when only a few months old she had been pronounced by her nurse "simply angelic—just the image of a wee little cherub," and from then all thought of the name seemed to have been forgotten; henceforth this fat, rosy little piece of humanity was known as "Cherub," or only as "Cherub."

Everyone loved her, for she had an amiable disposition, and when she laughed and each cheek dimpled prettily she was irresistible. But woe to the person who incurred her displeasure. A frown from her meant trouble, and during the five years of her life her parents had grown to know well when that little face puckered a storm was brewing, and that it would be well to take Miss Cherub in hand.

This young lady was bubbling over with mischief, and generally when she found her sitting alone with that far away, saintly expression, they knew that way down beneath those curls a plan of action was being laid which would surely get some one into trouble—undoubtedly Bobby.

Her chief delight was found in making this small brother her accomplices, leading him on to carry out her campaigns and having him receive the punishment. When she was confronted with the charge, "Cherub, you started that!" she would raise those wide, innocent eyes, look straight at her accuser and say with the slightest droop to the corners of her mouth: "Bobby did it." At present, however, she was being "awful good," for tomorrow would be Christmas and she had placed many letters in the chimney of the fine, big Fifth Avenue residence, asking Santa Clause for all sorts of nice presents, which she was sure not to get unless she was an obedient little girl. Christmas morning, before any one in the house but the servants was awake, the two children were excitedly whispering together about what the old Saint Nicholas had left for them, for sleep was far distant, and nurse's scolding and attempt at persuasion was of no avail.

At last breakfast time Aunt Glady's arrived, their mother's pretty younger sister, just two years out of boarding school, who had lately arrived to spend the holidays with the family, and gone to the nursery and with a hearty "Merry Christmas!" kissed each of the children, and told them that they should get dressed and come to the dining room.

Immediately on finishing breakfast Mr. Baldwin would unlock the library door, where each year the tree and packings awaited them; of course, the children would eat nothing. At last every one was ready and stationed just outside that enchanted room, impatiently jumping up and down, sadly daring to breathe, the little ones urged father to hurry. When he burst into the brightly lighted room it was good to see their faces. Their shouts and screams of delight and loud "Oh's!" and "Ah's!" could be heard all over the house, as each discovered his many gifts under the tastefully decorated tree.

When, an hour after, Cherub and Bobby were "dragged off to church," as they were pleased to express it, they left their hearts as well as dolls and woolly dogs in the library at home. Naturally they squirmed and fidgeted through the whole service, and occasionally whispered to each other in eager tones.

That afternoon they were allowed to invite four of their little friends to a small party. They were all playing under the tree with the Christmas dishes, and as Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin had gone to walk Gladys proposed having a game of "I spy" with the youngsters. As she announced this Cherub, who was always the leader, called, "Hurrah for Aunt Gladys. Now she can be it!" and then whispered, but as audibly, "No, Bob, I choose you to get under the sofa; stop pushing me!"—as they were hiding.

"Coming, ready or not!" called Gladys, as she started off on a hunt that proved fruitless. As she ran into the hall to continue the search she came face to face with the man to whom she had but recently been engaged. It was the first time she had seen him since the night, three years before, when she had returned his ring and refused to listen to the explanation which would have cleared all misunderstanding, and although since then she had been miserable and had admitted to herself that she was in the wrong, she was determined that he should never know it. There was the old Dupont pride again!

For one moment they looked into each other's eyes, and then with a cold nod she turned away and busied herself with the game, which for the time being she had forgotten. Very little interest she felt, however, in anything but the man who had so unexpectedly appeared on the scene, and who at that very moment, before her astonished eyes, was coolly lounging in a Morris chair, glancing carelessly over a magazine.

When the first surprise was over she became embarrassed. As though reading her thoughts Jack Burrows spoke. "When will Fred and Fan be in? You see, I wrote Fred at least two weeks ago that I would come to spend Christmas day if possible, and having never heard anything more from me I suppose he entirely forgot it. How long have you been here?

Cherub, hearing a familiar voice ran from her hiding place, and was soon comfortably settled on Jack's knee, while the other children, who had followed her, jumped around and shrieked, no one knew just what for. Jack was a great favorite at the house, and the broken engagement with Gladys had been a source of disappointment to all, especially to Mr. Baldwin, with whom Jack had been intimate ever since the days of Yale together.

Gladys fled furiously to her room, where all the rest of the afternoon she nursed her woes. Just before dinner time Mrs. Baldwin came to comfort her, and tell her how Fred had never even mentioned Jack's name, and how the meeting at the house was a big mistake, which all wished had been avoided. But the injured one would hear nothing of it.

"It was very unkind of you and Fred to bring us here together when you know how I hate him. I do hate him," she sobbed, with a little stamp, "and I refuse to have anything to do with him whatsoever. I know that he was in the plan, too, and you all think you can make everything all right again, but you can't, you can't. I shall stay in my room this evening after dinner, so don't try to persuade me to entertain him. Take him out with you; I shan't go."

By 10 o'clock Gladys, worn out with her own thoughts and tired of her room, decided to go down into the library and enjoy the fire. Why should she punish herself in this way, keeping herself up in that gloomy old room, and what harm would it do to be simply friends with Jack, were the questions she had been turning over in her mind.

At last down she came, much to the bewilderment and secret pleasure of the gentleman musing before the fire, and coolly nettled herself in a huge chair beside him. Neither spoke, for neither knew just how to open the conversation.

The silence was becoming unbearable when a tiny noise heard in the hall caused them to glance toward the door. There on the stairs with her night dress clutched a bit up on one side, displaying her little bare feet, and with her eyes wide open as though sleep had never visited them, stood Cherub.

As she caught sight of her friends her face broke into the most mischievous of smiles, for did she not know that the place for her at that hour was up stairs in bed? Gladys, who welcomed any interruption to the suspense, ran, caught up the child, and cuddled her warmly in her lap.

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"Is Mr. Jack your beau, aunty, and do you love him this much?" was her next question, at the same time stretching out her arms as far as her chubby shortness permitted. "You love aunty, don't you, Mr. Jack? I love you both, and I love Santa Claus, too, and mother and father—and Bobby," doubtfully, "when he's real good."

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"Aunty, when is you and Mr. Jack going to get married? I'm going to be flower girl and have a white dress and pink roses. Mother said 'very soon,' when I asked her a long time ago," rattled on the unsuspecting youngster.

It was then that Gladys threw pride to the winds, for from the midst of Cherub's tangled curls came a muffled, but very tender, "Yes, Cherub, very soon," which just reached Jack's ears. He started joyously from his chair.

"Oh! Cherub, it's so late you must go back to bed. What will mother say?" And Gladys picked up the little fairy and carried her to the stairs, where she kissed her many times.

Then with happy, sparkling eyes, and a little bright spot on each cheek, she went back into the library and stood beside Jack. Together they watched the child climb the steps.

"Good night, little Cherub," they called after her as Jack took both the girl's hands in his, and—

By this time Cherub had disappeared, and was crawling happily back into bed.—The Pathfinder.

Christmas Anxieties.

Dolly—"Doesn't it worry you awfully to think what to buy for Tom?"

Polly—"Of course but it worries me more to think about what Tom is liable to buy for me."

On an average man's body there are 340,000 hairs.

Cook's Hard Job.

A well known clubman of Boston was married during the early days of the last winter to a charming Wellesley girl, who of her many accomplishments is proudest of her cooking.

The husband returned late one afternoon to his home in Brookline to discover that his wife was "all tired out."

"You look dreadfully fatigued, little one," came from hubby in a sympathetic tone.

"I am," was the reply. "You see, dear, I heard you say that you liked rabbit. So early this morning I went to the market to get you one. I meant to surprise you with a broiled rabbit for dinner; but I'm afraid you'll have to take something else. I've been hard at work on the rabbit all day, and I haven't got it more than half picked.—Leslie's Weekly.

Day Before Christmas.

Mrs. Turkey—"What is your great est wish?"

Mr. Turkey—"An air-ship."

Telephone Girl's Left Ear.

"Left-ear!" said the physician. "Most of you girls are."

"Left-ear!" said the young lady from the telephone exchange.

"Yes, left-ear. The same as left-handed. That is to say, in your left ear better at its work than your right one?"

She did not know, so he tested her, finding, sure enough, that her left ear was a little the sharper of the two.

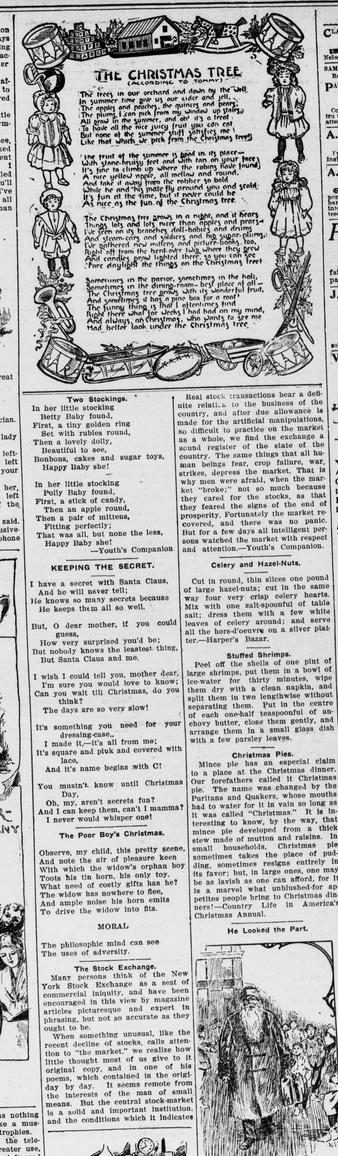
"It is a natural thing," he said. "You girls use the left ear exclusively all day long in your telephone work, and the right ear has nothing to do. Hence the left, like a muscle, develops; the right atrophies.

"Indeed," he ended, "if the telephone comes into much greater use, we shall have not merely left-eared exchange girls, but we shall become a left-eared nation."—The Philadelphia Bulletin.

Whence Come the Christmas Gifts?

Santa Claus in his toy shop is all ready for the good little girls and boys.

Eight-car trains are to be run on the Boston elevated line in the endeavor to cope with the traffic offered.



Two Stockings.

In her little stocking
Betty Baby found,
First, a tiny golden ring
Set with rubies round,
Then a lovely dolly,
Beautiful to see,
Bonbons, cakes and sugar toys,
Happy Baby she!

In her little stocking
Polly Baby found,
First, a stick of candy,
Then a pair of mittens,
Fitting perfectly;
That was all, but none the less,
Happy Baby she!

—Youth's Companion

KEEPING THE SECRET.

I have a secret with Santa Claus,
And he will never tell:
He knows so many secrets because
He keeps them all so well.

But, O dear mother, if you could guess,
How very surprised you'd be;
But nobody knows the leastest thing,
But Santa Claus and me.

I wish I could tell you, mother dear,
I'm sure you would love to know;
Can you wait till Christmas, do you think?
The days are so very slow!

It's something you need for your dressing-case,
I made it,—it's all from me;
It's square and pink and covered with lace,
And it's name begins with C!

You mustn't know until Christmas Day,
Oh, my, aren't secrets fun?
And I can keep them, can't I mamma?
I never would whisper one!

The Poor Boy's Christmas.

Observe, my child, this pretty scene,
And note the air of pleasure keen
With which the widow's orphan boy
Tools his tin horn, his only toy.
What need of costly gifts has he?
The widow has nowhere to flee,
And ample noise his horn emits
To drive the widow into fits.

MORAL

The philosophic mind can see
The uses of adversity.

The Stock Exchange.

Many persons think of the New York Stock Exchange as a seat of commercial iniquity, and have been encouraged in this view by magazine articles picturesque and expert in phrasing, but not so accurate as they ought to be.

When something unusual, like the recent decline of stocks, calls attention to "the market," we realize how little thought most of us give to it original copy, and in one of his poems, which contained in the original copy, and in one of his means. But the central stock-market is a solid and important institution, and the conditions which it indicates at the end of each day's trading are almost sure signs of the state of the country's production and commerce.

It is true that a great many of the transactions on the stock exchange are mere gambling, and represent nothing more than the turning of money from one man's pocket into another's; it is also true that even in legitimate trading there is a fever and hysteria which perverts not only commercial values, but life values.

Nevertheless, most of the chicanery and madness of stock transactions flourishes not in the central market, nor in the offices of those who guide it, but in the suburbs of the business, in offices not related to the exchange or to any reputable banking-house.

Celery and Hazel-Nuts.

Cut in round, thin slices one pound of large hazel-nuts; cut in the same way four very crisp celery hearts. Mix with one salt-spoonful of table salt; dress them with a few white leaves of celery around; and serve all the hors-d'oeuvre on a silver platter.—Harper's Bazar.

Stuffed Shrimps.

Peel off the shells of one pint of large shrimps, put them in a bowl of ice-water for thirty minutes, wipe them dry with a clean napkin, and split them in two lengthwise without separating them. Put in the centre of each one-half teaspoonful of anchovy butter; close them gently, and arrange them in a small glass dish with a few parsley leaves.

Christmas Pies.

Mince pie has an especial claim to a place at the Christmas dinner. Our forefathers called it Christmas pie. The name was changed by the Puritans and Quakers, whose mouths had to water for it in vain so long as it was called "Christmas." It is interesting to know, by the way, that mince pie developed from a thick stew made of mutton and raisins. In small households, Christmas pie sometimes takes the place of pudding, sometimes resigns entirely in favor; but, in large ones, one may be as lavish as one can afford, for it is a marvel what unblushed-for appetites people bring to Christmas dinners!—Country Life in America's Christmas Annual.

He Looked the Part.

Mr. Jones, on coming to town the day before Christmas, finds himself mistaken for a very celebrated personage.

Out of the Hurly-Burly.

Jane—"I never had such a miserable Christmas month in all my life."

Martha—"What's the matter?"

Jane—"Why, I got a silly fit, and did all my Christmas shopping two months ago."

The machine which cuts up wood to make matches turns out 40,000 "splints," as they are called, in a single minute.

Centipedes are eaten in some parts of South America.

Puzzle—Find the Stocking That Johnnie Hung Up.

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